## Western States Legislative Fiscal Officers Association September 5-7, 2012 Helena, MT

## Preliminary Agenda

"I'm in love with Montana. For other states I have admiration, respect, recognition, even some affection. But with Montana it is love. And it's difficult to analyze love when you're in it." John Steinbeck

## Come Experience Montana!

- Tuesday, September 4th
  - o 5:00 pm Registration and Check in
  - o 7:00 pm Informal Gathering at the Blackfoot River Brewery
- Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>
  - o 7:30 Pick up for ride to the Capitol
  - o 8:00 Breakfast at the Montana State Capitol, room 317
  - o 8:20 Opening and Introductions
  - 8:30 Federal Funds Overview <u>Federal Funds Information for States</u> Trinity Tomsic, Deputy Executive Director
  - 10:30 Break (with snacks)
  - o 10:45 Roundtable Discussion
  - 12:30 Lunch and Business Meeting at Montana State Capitol, room 317
  - o 1:45 Montana State Capitol Tour
  - o 2:30 All Eyes on Pensions
  - o 3:30 Break
  - 3:45 Revenues and Tax Trends Panel

Moderator: Terry Johnson, Principal Fiscal Analyst

- o 4:30 Return to hotel
- 6:00 Dinner at the Montana Club, serving Helena since 1885
  Program History of Montana Political Figures, John Morrison
- Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>
  - o 7:30 Pick up for Butte Trip
  - o 8:30 to 4:30 Historical and Environmental Economic Considerations of Mining
  - o 4:30 to 5:30 Headframe Distillery tour
  - o 5:30 Dinner at UpTown Café
  - o 7:30 Return to Helena and Hotel
- Friday, September 8th
  - o 8:30 Pick up for fun activity
  - o 12:30 Lunch
  - o 4:00 Return to Hotel
  - o 6:00 Dinner at Care Taker's Cabin
- Friday, September 8th In the event of a wild land fire or rain
  - o 10:00 Transport to the Montana Wild Center
  - o 10:30 Presentation Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
  - o 11:30 Tour of facility
  - o 12:30 Lunch
  - o 2:00 Cultural Experience (museum tour or similar)
  - o 3:30 Return to hotel
  - 6:00 Dinner at Care Taker's Cabin